GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE COUNTER AT I.G. AIRPORT
JASWANT SINGH YADAV

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is a proposal to close the counters of Public Sector Banks for exchange of foreign currency at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether an international financial agency, the Thomas Cook has been permitted to undertake foreign exchange business at the above airport;

(d) if so, the justification in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to enquire into the matter and ensure that the counters of the public sector banks to the above airport are not disturbed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR)

(a),(b) & (c) : The allotment of counters at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi for dealing in foreign exchange is done by the Airports Authority of India, which is within the administrative jurisdiction of Ministry of Civil Aviation, Public Sector Banks have not, on their own, taken any decision to close their existing counters at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi.